

May honors Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders

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In October 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed a joint resolution that proclaimed the first 10 days of May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Week. Then, in 1990, former President George H.W. Bush signed an extension making the weeklong celebration into a monthlong event. Finally, on Oct. 23, 1992, with unanimous approval of the 102nd Congress, the former president signed Public Law 102-450-declaring May as the annual Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

The U.S. Census Bureau identifies more than 25 Asian and Pacific Islander groups living in the states. They include Vietnamese, Chinese, Filipinos, Indian, Pakistani, Korean, Japanese, Cambodian, Laotian, Indonesian, Thai, Burmese, Malaysian, Taiwanese, Sri Lankan, Bangladeshi, and a variety of Pacific islanders from the Hawaiian Islands, Polynesian Islands and New Zealand.

May is a significant month in the history of Asian Pacific Americans. The first Japanese immigrants arrived in the United States on May 7, 1843. Also, on May 10, 1869, the transcontinental railroad was completed, connecting the east and west coasts of the United States. More than 12,000 Chinese worked on the railroad when white workers were unwilling to undertake the dangerous, and often-deadly job of laying railroad tracks throughout the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

The 2001 theme for Asian Pacific American Heritage Month is "Asian Pacific Americans Emerging Together." For more information about activities honoring the heritage month, call Lt. Col. Gregory Young at 782-5661 or Tech. Sgt. Joseph Orlando at 782-4714.

Maintenance squadron opens new facility



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jerry Morrison, 8th CS/VI

Staff Sgt. Jon Hanson, 8th Maintenance Squadron, gives Col. Philip Breedlove, former Wolf, a tour of the new Low Altitude Navigation and Targeting Infrared for Night maintenance facility.

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The 8th Maintenance Squadron celebrated the grand opening of a Low Altitude Navigation and Targeting Infrared for Night maintenance facility April 20.

The LANTIRN Mobility Shelter Set (LMSS) is the key to maintaining the LANTIRN pods, which are mounted on recently acquired 35th Fighter Squadron Block 40 F-16 Fighting Falcons.

The LMSS consists of a two-piece mobile structure that was joined and then attached to a building here that was built specifically to accommodate the mobile shelter. Once joined, the facility contains all the automated test equipment, support equipment, tools, fixtures, and precision measurement equipment required to maintain the navigation and targeting pods. It also contains its own power unit and air conditioning.

Col. Philip Breedlove, former 8th Fighter Wing commander, presided over the ribbon-cutting ceremony and then toured the new facility along with other Kunsan commanders and personnel.

The contract to build the permanent building that house the LMSS was

awarded in January 2000 to Samsung Construction. The facility's construction cost more than \$1.2 million dollars. Ground breaking occurred in March 2000.

The 8th MXS Sensor Section received the facility's keys in mid-March 2001 and immediately deployed personnel to Osan Air Base to pack up the two-piece mobile shelter for transportation on an 18-wheeler truck to Kunsan where it was mated to the building. The Sensor Shop airmen assembled the mobile shelter in about 20 hours.

The mobile shelter is completely portable and was shipped to Osan from Moody Air Force Base, Ga., where the 35th FS's Block 40 aircraft were transferred from.

"The facility enables airmen here to perform back shop maintenance instead of sending the pods to depot back in the United States for maintenance," said Senior Master Sgt. Deborah Blaser, 8th MXS Avionics Flight Chief. The facility saves time and money.

The LANTIRN system consists of a navigation pod and a targeting pod integrated and mounted externally beneath the F-16C/D aircraft.

The navigation pod provides high-

speed penetration enabling attack on tactical targets at night and in adverse weather.

The navigation pod contains terrain-following radar and a fixed infrared sensor, which provides a visual cue and input to the aircraft's flight control system, enabling it to maintain a pre-selected altitude above the terrain and avoid obstacles.

The targeting pod contains a high-resolution, forward-looking infrared sensor and a laser designator-rangefinder. These features simplify the functions of target detection, recognition and attack and permit pilots of single-seat fighters to attack targets with precision-guided weapons on a single pass.

Because of the advanced technology in this weapon system, it takes approximately 40 continuous hours to isolate, repair, align, and return to service a single malfunctioning targeting pod.

Through the winter, the 35th FS received Block 40 aircraft, most with the LANTIRN pods installed.

The Sensor Section, led by Master Sgt. Daryl Langston, maintained nearly 84 percent of the pods mission capable using limited intermediate-level maintenance.

Troops punished for larceny, DUI, failing to maintain funds

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Five members of the Wolf Pack received punishment under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) during April.

An 8th Logistics Group technical sergeant was found guilty of driving while under the influence of alcohol in A-Town, a violation of Article 111. The sergeant's commander imposed a pun-

ishment of reduction to staff sergeant.

An 8th Logistics Group senior airman was found guilty of larceny under Article 121. The member stole a squadron television, which was later discovered in the member's dorm room. The member was reduced to airman 1st class.

An 8th Logistics Group senior airman was found guilty of writing an excessive amount of checks to the

Loring Club and then failing to maintain sufficient funds in his bank account, a violation of Article 134. The commander imposed a punishment of reduction to airman 1st class.

An 8th Operations Group senior airman was found guilty of writing several checks to the Loring Club and failing to maintain sufficient funds in his bank account, a violation of Article 134. The commander imposed a punishment of 14 days restriction to base, 14 days

extra duty and a reprimand.

An 8th Support Group technical sergeant was found guilty of one count of larceny, in violation of Article 121. The member took a couple of computer items from the squadron's bench stock and used them for personal use. The commander imposed a punishment of suspended reduction to staff sergeant, 30 days restriction, forfeiture of \$500 pay for one month and a reprimand.